



Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street
 Memphis, TN 38103
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Board Meeting ~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:30 AM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Pohlman

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Pohlman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Pohlman recognized Commissioner Pesce and Commissioner Dickson who joined the meeting via Zoom. Chairman Pohlman stated that the Commissioners would be able to make comments but they would not be able to vote.

Chairman Pohlman also recognize Councilman Spinoza that joined us in person for the Board Meeting.

Chairman Pohlman also recognized that Advisory Board Member James Lewellen also joined us online.

ROLL CALL:

Rodney Cleek

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Chairman	Present	
Cheryl Pesce	Board Member	Remote	
Carl Person	Vice Chairman	Present	
Mitch Graves	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Remote	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Remote	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Late	8:44 AM

APPROVALS:

Chairman Pohlman

Motion To: Approve Minutes from the Meeting of February 5, 2025.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mitch Graves, Board Member
SECONDER:	Carl Person, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Michael Pohlman, Carl Person, Mitch Graves
AWAY:	Cheryl Pesce, Leon Dickson

Commission Pesce and Commissioner Dickson attended remotely and therefore did not vote.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:**Rodney Cleek**

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated February 4, 2025, Items 16 through 28. (See Minute File No. 1503)

PRESENTATIONS:**Disparity Study - Griffin & Strong, P.C.**

Rodney Strong, CEO of Griffin & Strong, and Michelle Clark Jenkins, Head of Methodology and Project Manager, presented the results of the Disparity Study for Supplier Diversity via Zoom because of the bad weather in our area. Mr. Strong provided the Board with detailed information on how the Disparity Study was completed. Mr. Strong reviewed the overall findings and suggestions for MLGW to continue and increase supplier diversity. Mr. Strong also noted the many ways the MLGW is doing a great job when it comes to supplier diversity.

Commissioners Person asked how often this study is completed. VP and General Council Jennifer Sink responded that it is her belief that this is the second study that MLGW has completed and that this study is two years old. Ms. Sink stated that the range is from 5-7 years, but the target would be 5 years.

Commissioner Person asked what plans we have to implement these recommendations. President McGowen responded that he had experience with this from his work at the City. President McGowen provided to the Board some of the plans MLGW has to implement these recommendations. President McGowen mentioned the CMAR Program, increasing staffing, vendor fair to get all of our projects out, and change to a race and gender conscious program. President McGowen stated that they plan to bring changes in the coming months.

Chairman Pohlman stated that this study was two years old and that MLGW had made big strides in Supplier Diversity.

Commissioner Person stated that he was pleased with the study and that Councilwoman Pearl Walker gave a thumbs up on the results as well.

Commissioner Pesce commented and stated that she was anxious to see us grow in this area.

GENERAL STATEMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC:

(None)

Review Consent Agenda – President Doug McGowen

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault of the fifth floor of the MLGW Administration Building, 220 South Main. The original documents shall control in the event of any conflict between the description and these minutes and the original documents.

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CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 6)

Motion To: Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mitch Graves, Board Member
SECONDER:	Carl Person, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Michael Pohlman, Carl Person, Mitch Graves
AWAY:	Cheryl Pesce, Leon Dickson

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Concurs

Commissioner Pesce and Commissioner Dickson attended remotely and therefore did not vote. Advisory Board Member James Lewellen attended remotely.

Commissioners asked questions regarding Consent Agenda Items. Appropriate MLGW representatives responded.

1. Resolution approving Change No. 4 to Contract No. 12262 (formerly C2203), HP-UX Support with Abtech Technologies, Inc. to ratify and extend the current contract in the funded amount of \$151,416.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution awarding sixty-month purchase order for three-phase pad-mounted distribution transformers to EssenG Solutions LLC in the amount of \$15,058,859.18. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution awarding sixty-month purchase order for single-phase pole-type distribution transformers to Cooper Power Systems in the amount of \$4,542,818.72. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution awarding purchase order for meter 12-inch ultrasonic run assemblies to Industrial Sales Company of Memphis, Inc. in the amount of \$352,666.66 (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

- 5. Resolution awarding purchase order for slam shut eight-inch Fisher OSE ANSI 600 regulators to Brighter Days and Nites, Inc. in the amount of \$238,590.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 6. Resolution approving an annual salary in the amount of \$160,000.00 for a new hire to fill the vacant position of Attorney 4. (Bettye Hartwell) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING CONT'D

Other - Doug McGowen

President McGowen thanked the MLGW team for being on standby and ready for the snow and ice we received overnight. President McGowen also mentioned that these teams were also on standby last weekend when we had thunderstorms. President McGowen discussed our outages currently as well as the outages last weekend.

President McGowen mentioned that they have a call setup with TVA regarding loads during the cold temps.

President McGowen stated that he was pleased to announce that last night the City Council took a big step and approved moving forward with the recycled water facility. President McGowen thanked the Council Members that supported that.

President McGowen also announced that Councilwoman Swearingen Washington will host a Community Meeting on the 27th of February, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Orange Mound Community Center to provide a progress report and a continued forecast for the Orange Mound Initiative. President McGowen mentioned that we are using drones to view our infrastructure so you will see a lot of activity.

President McGowen stated that he had moved his Facility Plan to the March 5, 2025 Board Meeting as he would like for all the Board Members to be here for that. President McGowen mentioned expanding the North Center, needing to move SCADA and System Ops, and examining another location downtown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

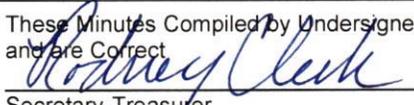
(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1503)

Approved Without Interlineation

 Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned
 and are Correct

 Secretary-Treasurer